



Gerald Dale Gjerdingen

October 3, 1938 - March 22, 2026

Gerald "Gerry" Dale Gjerdingen

1938 - 2026

Gerald "Gerry" Dale Gjerdingen, age 87, passed away peacefully at home on March 22, 2026, holding the hand of his beloved wife, Char. A man of deep faith in Jesus, Gerry was shaped by the values of his upbringing in Starbuck and Bloomington, Minnesota. He was a man of "Norwegian grit" and a sharp mind, serving as his class president and studying abroad in Germany as a young man.

Gerry brought a natural gift for conversation and problem-solving to his career as a pharmaceutical sales representative, earning the respect of many clinics across the region. Known for his quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, he was an intuitive "fixer" at heart who could repair anything from a tricky gadget to a bad mood. This steady kindness extended to every part of his life, including his daily ritual of feeding "Peanut," the backyard squirrel.

Gerry lived life with a rhythm all his own. An avid country music fan, he was happiest on the dance floor where he and Char spent hours two-stepping together. Through dance, they built a wonderful circle of friends and shared bonds that endure to this day.

Preceded in Death By: His birth parents, Edwin and Alma (Anondson) Gjerdingen; the parents who raised him, Swen and Josie Nielson; brothers, Herbert (Evelyn) Gjerdingen and Erwin (Margaret) Gjerdingen; sister, Orla (Ralph) Dokken; infant sister, Evelyn Gjerdingen; and son, Jeff Gjerdingen.

Survived By: His wife, Char; sons, Scott (Tina) Gjerdingen and Todd (Lisa) Gjerdingen; daughter, Melissa (Andrew) Dalpee; step-daughter, Melissa (Brian) Judd; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Gjerdingen; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Barb Wynne and Hal Huber. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Service Details

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

- Visitation: 11:00 AM
- Service: 12:00 PM
- Luncheon: To follow the service

Memorial Contributions

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests that memorials be made in Gerry's memory to Hosanna Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Funeral Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CE

“ I loved how Gerry was always so kind to E.V.E.R.Y.O.N.E. And Gerry had a sense of humor like no other! He loved Char to the Moon and Back and everyone could tell she was his Gal. Always great to see Gerry at Starks and beyond after the shut down. Blessed he and Char could come to our house and have dinner with us and several others. I will never forget how interested he seemed in the flowers in the front of our house. You will live on in our hearts forever Gerry :-)

Catherine Erickson - April 08 at 05:12 PM

JN

“ Gerry brought an abundance of joy to Char and all of our family. The laughter and smiles are engraved in our minds and hearts. HE WAS OUR NORWEGIAN COWBOY!! No doubt he is riding the eternal green pastures as one of Jesus's cowboys. He is rejoicing with all of his and our family who rode on ahead to water the horses and feed the sheep. We hope to join him sitting around the campfire one day. God Bless Gerry's memory. Jane and Rick Nelson

Jane Nelson - March 30 at 05:52 PM

CD

“ The Dalpees are sorry for your loss, our deepest condolences to the family. May the love and support from the people around you gives you comfort. May Gerry rest in peace.

Cena Dalpee - March 28 at 12:53 PM

SW

“ Heaven gained a beautiful soul. So many wonderful memories from Starks dancing days! What a “smooth” dancer he was. Loved his expertise on the best cowboy boots to buy! Will miss him and his great hugs!! Sending prayers of comfort to Char & family and a virtual hug. Wish we could be there.

Sheryl White - March 28 at 09:24 AM



“ Gerry was the cream of the crop! He was always so kind, positive, funny, everyone loved him, even animals. A neighbor dog would not walk past his house without saying hi, and Gerry had a special relationship with a squirrel they named Peanut. He had a spicy sense of humor and a belt buckle with a spinning spur, yet was always a gentleman. I'm so grateful for his friendship and have been blessed by knowing Char & Gerry. My heart goes out to Char who has been the most loving, caring, and sweet companion and was there with patience, strength and adoration this last difficult year. Love you both always. To Gerry's kids and grands (by birth and by marriage) I'm so sorry for your loss as well and so glad you were able to have time together recently



Lindy Venustus - March 27 at 01:02 PM